

TEIGNMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and the
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
for 1970

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Teignmouth Port Health Authority

I submit the Annual Report for the Teignmouth Port Health Authority for the year ended 31st December, 1970.

The year was once again a record for the berth tonnage, which rose from 152,000 to nearly 167,000 tons and also in respect of the number of ships which rose from 602 to 651.

In my last Report, I referred to the tremendous difficulties in ensuring that no unauthorised animals are brought ashore from the large number of ships, which visit the Port. In fact, on one occasion last year a ship arrived from Spain with a donkey and a number of dogs aboard. The donkey was used to transport the Captain to and from the local public house, before the fact was brought to our attention. Unfortunately, a prosecution was not possible as reference had already been made to the Veterinary Authorities and the position had not been made clear to the Captain.

Public Health Inspectors, the Police and Officers of the Customs and Excise Authority are now well aware of the dangers of importing animals from the Continent and take whatever measures they can to see that animals are not landed at Teignmouth. As I have said before, the policing arrangements cannot be considered to be fool proof.

H. M. Davies

Port Medical Officer

June, 1971.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH OF THE PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR 1970

SECTION 1 - Staff

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointments held
Dr. H.M. Davies	Port Medical Officer	10th July, 1953	M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health: Ashburton U.D.C. Dawlish U.D.C. Newton Abbot R.D.C. Newton Abbot U.D.C. Teignmouth U.D.C.
P. Langston	Port Health Inspector	1st April, 1959	M.A.P.H.I., Cert.S.I.E.J.B. Cert. Meat Inspector	Departmental Medical Officer: Devon County Council
K. Davies	Assistant Port Health Inspector	1st November, 1967	M.A.P.H.I., Cert.P.H.I.E.B., Dip. M. & F.	Assistant Public Health Inspector: Teignmouth U.D.C.

SECTION 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	314	74,614	3	145	Nil
Coastwise	337	91,964	6	160	Nil
Total:	651	166,578	9	305	Nil



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SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	Number of passengers INWARDS	...
	Number of passengers OUTWARDS	...

This is not a port approved under the Aliens Order, 1920

CARGO TRAFFIC	Principal IMPORTS:	Coal, Timber, Tiles Fertilizer, Grain (Animal Foodstuffs), Hardboard and Potatoes.
	Principal EXPORTS:	Clay and Coke

PORTS from which Ships arrive

Amsterdam, Antwerp, Bayonne, Bilbao, Bremen, Brest, Caen, Calais, Capella, Cherbourg, Concarneau, Dieppe, Dordrecht, Duvarnez, Dunkirk, Fecamp, Gijon, Granville, Ghent, Gruyon, Guernsey, Hamburg, Hamina, Honfleur, Kasko, Kemi, Kiel, Kotka, Le Gueldo, Le Havre, La Pallice, Morlaix, Nantes, Pafajef, Pelluden, Pontrieux, Quimper, Randers, Roscoff, Rotterdam, Rouen, Rumpst, Santander, St. Brieuc, St. Helier, St. Malo, St. Nazaire, St. Peter Port, Scheveningen, Treguir, Treport, Uddeualla, Zaandam.

COASTWISE

Amble, Appledore, Ardrossan, Avonmouth, Barnstaple, Barrow, Barrydock, Belfast, Bideford, Birkenhead, Blyth, Bridgwater, Bridport, Bristol, Cardiff, Charlestown, Coleraine, Cork, Cowes, Dartmouth, Dover, Dublin, Dundalk, Dungarven, Exmouth, Falmouth, Felixstowe, Flushing, Fowey, Galway, Garston, Glasgow, Goole, Grangemouth, Greenock, Great Yarmouth, Ipswich, Hayle, Hull, Kilkeel, Kilrush, Kinsale, Lancaster, Limerick, Littlehampton, Liverpool, London, Londonderry, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Milford Haven, Mostyn, Newhaven, Newport, New Ross, Par, Penzance, Plymouth, Poole, Portsmouth, Preston, Runcorn, Sharpness, Shoreham, Silloth, Southampton, Swansea, Totnes, Truro, Waterford, Weymouth.

SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic

Numbers and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil.

SECTION V - Water supply

No change



SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1966

No change.

SECTION VII - Smallpox

1. The Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases will be sent from the district, is the Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard, Cornwall. Tel. 2385.
2. Transport arrangements will be made by the Plymouth Ambulance Service. Tel. 64101.
3. The following Consultant is available as and when necessary:-

Dr. W.H. St.John-Brooks,
West Cornwall Hospital,
Penzance, Cornwall.

Tel. No. Penzance 2382

4. Specimens for laboratory diagnosis will be sent to the:-

Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale Avenue,
London, N.W. 9.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

No change.

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other
infectious diseases on ships

No cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases were reported during the year.

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of
malaria in ships

No cases of malaria were notified during the year.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships
infected with or suspected for plague

No action was necessary under this section.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships
from foreign ports

1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats

Enquiries are made from Masters of vessels using the Port, by the Public Health Inspector, regarding the presence of rats.

2. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plaque, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Facilities are available for the bacteriological examination of rodents at the Public Health Laboratory, Exeter. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.

3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

A ship requiring deratting can now be dealt with at Teignmouth.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships

No action was taken in this matter at Teignmouth during 1970.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

No rats were destroyed at Teignmouth during 1970, in ships from foreign ports.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports

No Deratting Certificates were issued during 1970. Fifty-two Deratting Exemption Certificates were issued during 1970.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

Inspections and Notices

One hundred and seventy-two inspections were carried out during 1970.

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-fish)
Regulations, 1934 and 1948

No change.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

Not applicable to this Authority.

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